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AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN A. MASON UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Stephen A. Mason, being duly sworn do hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge:

- 1.) Prior to August 8, 2000, the issue date U.S. Patent No. 6,100,890 to Bates *et al.*, I, Stephen A. Mason, was in possession of the invention referenced in Application No. 09/697,428, as evidenced by the attached IBM invention disclosure, having a (redacted) date earlier than August 8, 2000.
- 2.) Prior to August 8, 2000, the invention existed in its present form, and a complete draft patent application, in substantially its present form, was under review, revision and approval processes. Prior to August 8, 2000 I had possession of the attached disclosure, and I had assisted in the preparation of a draft of the present application that was under review, revision and approval processes.

Signature of Stephen A. Mason

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me on this 7th day of December, 2004.

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